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GETTING OUT OF CHINA By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press

Foreigners Are Gradually Withdrawing from the Imperial City.

RUSSIANS TAKE THE LEAD

They Have Evacuated the Summer Palace and the Japanese Have Also Begun the Retrograde Movement. British Authorities Arrest Enterprising Parties Who Have Sold Ammunition to the Boxers-Americans Examine the Bric-a-Brac. Li Hung Chang at Work.

by Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pekin, Oct. 1.-The Russians have evacuated the Summer Palace.

The Ninth Japanese brigade is leav ing here. The Twenty-first Japanese brigade will remain at Pekin and Tien

The Japanese retrogade movement has begun, and Japan's forces in China are being rapidly reduced. It is officially stated that half of the army will return to Japan. Several Japanese trains, said to contain a lot of treasure, have departed from the city. The Japanese assert that the trains contain ammunition.

The British authorities have arrested a party of Pekin Chinese for selling ammunition to the Boxers.

The Americans are making a search of the Forbidden City for the imperial porcelain collection, not for loot, but merely for the purpose of examining the collection.

Shanghai, Oct. 6.-The British river gunboat Woodcock has gone to Han-Kow to survey the Han river.

It is significant of future events, re garding the capture of the Chinese court, that the British river gunboat Woodlark is surveying a landing place near the Kang-Yin forts.

Li Starts for Pekin. Tien Tsin, Oct. 6 .- Li Hung Chang. been postponed indefinitely, left this

morning for the Chinese capital. The five Belgian engineers and fif teen missionaries who had been kept prisoners for many weeks at Paoting Fu. but were recently released unde orders from Li Hung Chang, who directed that they have safe escort to Pekin, refuse to start, fearing treachery on the part of the Chinese escort.

Fought Li's Veterans.

London, Oct. 7 .- The Standard has the following from Tien-Tsin, dated Friday, October 5:

"A German force came into collision with 8,000 Chinese, described as Boxers a few miles south of Tien-Tsin, this morning. The Germans were checked and compelled to retire on Tien-Tsin. There is reason to believe that the Chinese in this case were not Boxers but were Li Hung Chang's veterans. who had been ordered to wait near here in view of the possibility that the

foreigners would bar his progress to the capital." Trouble at Sai-Wan. Hong Kong, Oct. 7.-Yesterday

thousand rebels attacked the market town of Sai-Wan, eight miles north east of San Chun, but were defeated. The people of San Chun closed their shops, expecting to be attacked also. The troops here are being held in readiness for any emergency, and the police forces along the Kowloon frontier have been increased.

Mandarins Disobedient.

London, Oct. 7 .- In a dispatch from Pekin to the Times, dated October 1 Dr. Morrison says:

"It looks now as if M. De Giers (the Russian minister to China) would negotiate with Li Hung Chang at Tien-Tsin. The American withdrawal will facilitate Russia's negotiations con cerning Manchuria.

the mandarins in Pekin have declined the empress dowager's orders to proceed to Tai-Yuen-Fu, assigning various pretexts."

WHIPPED BY A WOMAN.

W. Bent Wilson, a Lafayette Editor Cowhided in His Office.

Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Lafayette, Ind., Oct. 7 .- W. Bent Wilson, pro prietor of the Morning Journal, a Democratic newspaper, was publicly whipped in his office this afternoon by Mrs. George C. Bryant, one stroke of the lash cutting into Mr. Wijson's ace over the left eye.

The cause of the attack was a Journal editorial

reflecting upon Mrs. Bryant's husband, who is at present in Washington, D. C. Wilson de-clined to appear against his assailant.

CORNER STONE AT JERUSALEM.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Jerusalem, Oct. 7.—Today the bishop of Jerusalem, in the name of the pope and in the presence of the German consul and 500 German grims, laid the cornerstone of the chure ch is to be erected on Mount Zion, on the site Abdul Hamid presented to Emperor on the occasion of the latter's visit to

JACQUELIN WINS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, Oct. 7 .- A large crowd witnessed the match today, on the cycling track at the Parie des Princes, between the French, Dutch and American cycling champions, Jacquelin, Meyers and Tom Cooper. The contest, which was in three heats, was won by Jacquelin, the positions of the men in each heat being Jacquelin first, Cooper, accord, and Meyers, third.

COAL PRICES ADVANCE.

State of Trade as Indicated by th

Philadelphia, Oct. 7.-The Ledger in its coal article tomorrow will say: The anthracite coal trade presents practically unchanged conditions. The short supply of coal naturally affects consumers and prices are firm and advancing, but the mild weather has had the usual influence of retarding orders. There has hardly been the rush to fill coal bins that might have been seen in such a state of the market had a sharp cold spell set in. Ot course the strike is expected to end soon, but just when is not yet apparent, and the present uncer-tainty, therefore, continues. There is very little mining now going on and the stocks on storage are being depleted. Further advances in circu-lar prices by the companies are imminent, and it is evident that wholesale prices will remain firm, although the strike will soon terminate and active work recommence throughout the an thracite field. The September output of an-thracite coal was 2,059,550 tons, compared with 4,365,649 tons in September, 1899. The strike helped reduce the output of last month,

RECEPTION TO PRINCE ALBERT

The Royal Personage and His Bride Welcomed by the Inhabitants of Brussels.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Brussels, Oct. 7 .- Prince Albert, of Belgium and his bride, Duchess Elizabeth, of Bavaria, were received at the town hall this afternoon. The royal procession was warmly acclaimed by the populace.

The Socialist members of the muni- renegade. cipal council were absent from the cer-

When it was over the royal couple sembled to the number of 5,000. The latter waved thousands of Belgian and Bavarian flags, while the onlookers generally cheered and waved handker-

The children then sang a popular patriotic hymn while the prince and princess reviewed them. As the Socialists kept their promise not to demonstrate in favor of amnesty and universal suffrage and as no hostile manifestations were made, the royal procession went on foot to the Bourse where it was received with great en-

Prince Albert and the princess ,surrounded by their suite, stood at the the grand stair-case and watched the school children and then the numerous societies marched by, each delegation throwing a bouque at the feet of the princess.

TORNADO'S PATH IN MINNESOTA

An Entire Family of Finlanders Are Wiped Out-Other Damage from the Winds.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Bywawick, Minn., Oct. 7 .- Saturday a tornado passed through a Finlander an entire family of six, husband, wife and four children. Owing to meagre advices, their names cannot be learned. The body of Marowitz, a man that was missing yesterday after the tornado passed by, was found a quarter of a mile away from his house on the rocks in a horribly mutilated condition. William Hilmstrom, another tornado

victim, who had his skull fractured, died last night at the hospital here. RELIEF STILL NEEDED

The Report That Galveston Is in No Need of Assistance Is Not True.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Galveston, Oct. 7 .- Walter C. Jones, mayor, requests the Associated Press to transmit the following:

The Red Cross agent at New York telegraphs that reports have obtained publicity that Clara Barton has been in Washington and is there now, and that all need of relief here is past. This is not true. Miss Barton has been constantly since her arrival a week after the storm. There is an immense amount of work still to be done. Corpses are still being found or an average of twenty a day, and Miss Barton will remain here, as the Red Cross can be of benefit to the stricken people.

Galveston is now exploiting her sorrows or sufferings, but thousands are living in tents and thousands are crippled. All the able bodied are working and the whole people making the nisfortunes.

WAITERS ON STRIKE.

Twenty-two of the Cadet Mess at West Point, Ask Higher Wages.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. West Point, N. Y., Oct. 7 .- Twentytwo of the waiters in the Cadet mess stopped work just before the dinner hour last night and refused to handle ration unless a raise of \$5 per month in their salary was guaranteed. Major Hall, treasurer of the commissasry department, was summoned and acseeded to their demand. A strike in also pending in two of the other departments. The grievances are based apon the recent increase in the numper of cadets, which naturally makes

ployes. The old scale for the mess hall wai-

ters was \$20 per month, with rations. STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 7.—Arrived: Etruria, Liver-pool and Queenstown; La Touraine, Havre, Sailed: 6th, Anchoria (in the lower bay on Sailed: 6th, Anchoria (in the lower bay on account of dense fog, and proceeded this morning); Campania, Queenstown and Liverpool; Pennsylvania, Plymouth, Cherbourg and liamburg: Ethiopia, Moville and Glasgow; Ems, Gibraltar, finoa and Naples. Southampton-Sailed: Deutschland (from Breme), Cherbourg and New York. Bremen-Arrived: Aller, New York via Southampton. Antwe p-Arrived: Noordland, New York. Queenstown-Sailed: Lucania, Livernool for New York.

FILIPINOS ARE ACTIVE

The Guerilla Bands Arc Again Disposed to

FIELD TACTICS THEIR

Make Trouble.

In Military Maneuvers the Filipinos Are Becoming More Skilful and Imitate the American Plan of Action-Senor Mabini Loses His Power to Influence the Natives-Commission Revising the Tariff.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Manila, Oct. 7 .- Four troops of cavalry and two companies of infantry have recently reinforced General Young in Northern Luzon, where the insurgents are concentrating in the mountains of North and South Ilocos provinces, under the leadership of Alipay, the excommunicated priest and

General Tino and General Villaneuve. who had been quiet for some time, are appeared on a balcony facing the square, where school children were asapproaches.

Of late, there has been considerable scouting and skirmishing in the provnces of Abra and North Ilocos, though without decisive results. It is obvious, however, that maneuvers of the Filipinos are more skillful than formerly, and that the field tactics of the Americans are being followed by

Senor Mabini, the virtual founder of the so-called Filipino government, who was captured by the Americans last December and lodged in jail in Manila, has been liberated. As he had always persistently refused to take the at the same moment that the lookout eath of allegiance to the United States, man sighted her. The shouts brought government, he had maintained his reputation among the Filipinos as a resolute patriot. They now believe that he has reached a private under- was terrific and the big liner cut standing with the American authorities, which has secured his release; and consequently he has lost most of bow, carrying away some of her righis popularity, although he is still con- ging. sidered the leader of the dominant revolutionary element.

This week the commission will begin the work of revising the tariff, making use of the results of the investisettlement on Pike river, about two gation of the army board in this direcniles north of Bywawick, wiping out tion. It is the intention of the commission to give American trade a better chance than it has heretofore enjoyed, owing to the high duties.

BATTLE AT WYOMING.

Six Lithuanians Start a Fight in Which All Are Wounded.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 7 .- At West Wyoming, a small mining village six miles north of this city, last night, six Lithuanians started a fight in a bar-room and before it ended every man in the party was wounded. Revolvers, knives and clubs and a hatchet were used. When the belligerents got through the bar-room resembled a slaughter house. Two constables placed the six men under arrest and physicians sewed them up.

The names of the parties participat ing in the battle are: Andrew Kushuki, head split open; George Bohinski, broken jaw; Theodore Ringans, face slashed, and three brothers named Gustas, cut in face.

FLOODS IN MEXICO.

Whole Villages Washed Away and Thousands of Acres of Crops Are Ruined.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Tampico, Mexico, Oct. 7 .- The Panuco and Tames rivers, which empty into the gulf at this place, are on one of the biggest rises in their history, and great damage has been wrought by the floods in the populated and cultivated valleys above here. At one point near Chila station, on the line of the Mexican Central railroad, the Tames river is over fifty miles wide and has swept to destruction hundreds of houses occupied by Mexican farmers and laborers. Many cases of drown-

ing are reported. All the tributaries of these rivers in the south and eastern parts of the state of San Luis Potosi are out of their banks and have washed away whole villages and ruined thousands of acres of growing crops.

BOERS ON THE RETREAT.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. London, Oct. 8.—It is estimated, according to the Peitermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail that from 4,000 to 5,000 Boers nave re-treated from Pilgrim's Rest, northeast of Ly-denburg, with four long toms and 22 other guns. The correspondent understands that their long tom ammunition is almost exhausted.

ENGINEER KILLED.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Harrisburg, Oct. 7 .- A rear-end collision be tween two freight trains occurred on the Phila-delphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburg branch of the Reading railway at Grantham station early this morning. George A. Weller, the engineer, of Thurmont, Md., was killed.

THE CLAIM AGAINST TURKEY. Oft Repeated Promises of Payment Not Yet Fulfilled.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, Oct. 7.—Inquiry at the state department discloses the fact that there have been no recent developments in regard to the claim of the United States against Turkey for indemnity on account of missionary property destroyed at Harput and elsewhere several years ago. The claim has been presented several times to the Turkish concernment, the most recent presents. claim has been presented several times to the Turkish government, the most recent presentation being made by Mr. Griscom, the United States charge d'affaires, at Constantinople. In each case the Turkish government, instead of repudiating the claim, has promised a settlement, and this is the state of the case at present.

Some months ago, Rear Admiral Ahmed Pacha, of the Turkish new came over here to purchase

of the Turkish navy, came over here to purchase a ship, with the unofficially understood purpose of compromising with the cialmants under cover of the purchase. He carried home a number of plans from American shipbuilders, but he did not buy a vessel, so far as is known here. Mean while, with a view to impressing on the Turk-ish government its dissattsfaction with its dilatoriness, the state department has allowed Mr. Straus, the minister to Turkey, to remain in the United States. There the matter rests for the present. There have been no developments, and none are expected in the near future.

SCHOONER CUT DOWN IN A DENSE FOG

The A. A. Shaw Containing 900 Tons of Coal Is Sunk by the Old Dominion Ship, Hamilton.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 7 .- The Old Dominion steamship Hamilton brought to this port today Captain Smith and seven men who comprised the crew of the Philadelphia schooner A. A. Shaw, bound from Philadelphia to Providence with 900 tons of coal. The vessel lies on the bottom with all sails set and masts sticking twelve feet out of the water in the course of coastwise vessels. The schooner was cut down in the dense fog by the fron stern of the Hamilton three miles from Northeast End lightship, off Cape May, at 7 o'clock this morning. The Hamilton was on her way here from Norfolk, with ten cabin passengers and a general cargo. She was going at a tenknot speed when the accident curred. The schooner was heading off shore and southeast. The lookout on the schooner was blowing the fog horn at intervals and he could hear the whistle of the steamship as she loomed up in the fog. The mate. William Howlett, had just come on deck from below when the big hull of the liner apenared out of the fog. He saw her all the men on the sailing craft on deck. A moment later the stem of the ships on the starboard side. The blow through the schooner to the weather side of the hatch. At the same time the main mast fell across the liner's

After striking, the Hamilton kept her nose in the breach while the men on her threw ropes to those on the schooner. One man grasped a heavy line and jumped into the water. He was much exhausted when pulled on the deck of the liner. The others, with the exception of the steward and one seaman, got aboard safely on the ropes. The last two when they saw that a collision could not be avoided, launched a vawl boat and succeeded in getting into her. They were in danger of getting crushed by the Hamil-

ton, but got her free, While the men were being rescued by the ropes, an officer and boat's crew launched one of the Hamilton's boats and, putting out, rescued the two men in the boat. As soon as the wrecked men were all on board, the Hamilton backed away from the Shaw and she sank almost immediately. On the deck of the Hamilton the men were surrounded by those of the passengers who were about so early, and later in the day a collection was taken up for them. After it was over, each

of the men received about \$15. The A. A. Shaw was owned in Philadelphia. She was about fifteen years old and of 900 tons burden. Except for a slight damage to her rignigg, caused by the falling of the schooner's main mast, the Hamilton was not damaged.

ROOSEVELT AT CHICAGO.

Spends the Day with Senator Hanna. Banquet at Chicago Club.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Chicago, Oct. 7 .- Governor Roosevelt spent the greater part of the day with Senator Hanna talking over plans for the campaign and tonight was banqueted by the Republican national managers at the Chicago club. Among hose present were United States Senators Fairbanks, Beveridge, Hanna, Cullom and Spooner. Mr. Roosevelt, in addressing the guests, reviewed his western trip and predicted success for the Republican ticket.

In the morning the governor attended services at Trinity Dutch Reformed church, after which he went for a drive in company with Colonel Curtis Gould, of Boston.

Governor Roosevelt's speech-making trip will be resumed tomorrow morning. He will leave at 7.15 o'clock over the Santa Fe road and will make several addresses in Illinois towns, reaching St. Louis tomorrow night, where he will remain until Wednesday.

ANOTHER APPEAL FOR AID.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Galveston, Oct. 7 .- Mrs. Clara Barton, presi dent of the Red Cross society, has issued statement to the manufacturers and business men of the country, in which she appeals to them for aid in the way of lumber, hardware, builders' materials and household goods and other material in the building of homes for those who lost their all in the recent storm.

FIRE CHIEFS' CONVENTION.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press Washington, Oct. 7.—A convention of the chiefs of the fire departments in the United States will be held at Charleston, S. C., the coming week. About one hundred fire chiefs were in the city today, and left here at 7 o'clock tonight in a special train over the Atlantic Coast line for Charleston.

PATIENCE OF SHERIFF IS **EXHAUSTED**

Marchers at Hazleton Must Hereafter Obey His Request.

STRIKERS MUST DECIDE

None of the Officials of the United Mine Workers Will Take a Hand in the Settlement of the Strike-The Miners Must Say Whether or No They Will Accept the Ten Per Cent. Increase-Convention Will Probably Be Held in Scranton-Belief That Miners Will Accept Increase.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Hazleton, Oct. 7 .- A representative of the Associated Press learned tonight that Sheriff Harvey has reached the limit of his patience in regard to the marching of large bodies of men, and that the marchers must obey his request to remain within the pale of the law or take the consequences. It s known that he feels he has been as enient with the crowds as he could possibly be, and that the action of several hundred men in running across the property of Calvin Pardee & Co., at Lattimer, yesterday has had much to do with the decision to be more stern hereafter.

Tonight a carload of the sheriff's deputies, fully armed, lies in the Lehigh Valley railroad yards ready to start at a moment's notice. A locomotive is nearby, with steam up, and all the telegraph operators on the Lehigh Valley system in this region are on duty for the purpose of sending messages to Sheriff Harvey and to the chief of the coal and iron policemen. It was also learned that, owing to

ruomrs of contemplated marches tonorrow morning, all the coal companies in this region have extra coal and iron police on duty tonight. All the Lehigh Coal company collieries in this city are heavily guarded. This company had squads of its policemen brought here tonight from Wilkes-Barre, Mahonoy City, Centralia and Lost Creek.

Mitchell Held Responsible.

Sheriff Harvey called on President Mitchell at the strike headquarters this afternoon, and requested him as president of the United Mine Workers to use his influence to have the strikers refrain from further marching, and that if he did not, then Mitchell would be held morally responsible for whatever happened. Mr. Mitchell, it is understood, informed the sheriff that orders for the marching did not emanate from headquarters, but nevertheless he would do all in his power to have the men on strike preserve the peace

in every possible manner. As far as could be learned tonight, there will be no marching tomorrow morning, in which event there is hardly likely to be any trouble.

The sheriff's deputies are sworn in by him and are paid by the county. and the coal and iron police are commissioned by the state to act as special policemen, but are under the orders and pay of the coal companies which employ them.

W. J. Elliott, an aide on Major General Miller's staff. Pennsylvania National Guard, was called on tonight by President Mitchell. The two were together for a short time. The object of the conference is not known, as neither would have anything to say regarding their talk.

President Mitchell will go to Shamokin Tuesday morning for the purpose of participating in the labor demonstration at that place. From Shamokin he will go directly to Scranton, where another labor demonstration will be held on Wednesday.

Beginning of the End.

Hazleton, Oct. 7.-A conference which s believed to mark the beginning of the end of the anthracite coal miners' strike, which enters upon its fourth week tomorrow, was held at the headquarters of the United Mine Workers here this afternoon. Those present besides President Mitchell were Fred Dilcher, of Ohio, a member of the executive board, and Presidents T. D. Nichols, of district No. 1, Lackawanna and Wyoming valleys; James Duffy, of district No. 7, Lehigh valley, and John Fahy, of district No. 9, Schuylkill valley. Although no information was given out, it is known that the question of issuing a call for a joint convention was the principal matter discussed The Associated Press is able to announce that the coming convention will be held at Scranton, unless something unforeseen should arise between now and the time of issuing the call. sides taking up the matter of a convention call, it is understood that the question of representation was also considered. The three district presidents made full reports as to the conditions as they now exist in their respective districts.

President Mitchell, after the confernce, said he would have something to say tomorrow in regard to the convention. If the date has been fixed, only Mr. Mitchell and his colleagues know it. Of course, the principal matter to come before the miners will be the acceptance or rejection of the ten per cent, increase made by most of the op erators. President Mitchell said today hat not one official of the United Mine Workers will take a hand in any action the convention might take, as the mer must themselves settle everything that comes before them. How long the con-

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

Weather Indications Today,

RAIN: COOLER

General—Sheriff Harvey Will Not Permit Any More Marching. Indication of the End of the Strike, Foreigners Evacuating Pekin. Filipino Guerrillas Becoming Active.

General-Northeastern Pennsylvania News. Local—Effort to Be Made to Have the Ever-hart Case Dropped. Celebration of the Festival of Succoth.

Editorial.

News and Comment. Local-Indications of the End of the Strike (Concluded). Sermon by Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D.

Local-West Scranton and Suburban,

Round About the County. Local—Saturday's Foot Ball Games, Live Industrial News. The Markets.

LOOKING AFTER THE ILLEGAL VOTERS

The Colonies of Repeaters from Saloons, Gambling Houses and Brothels in New York Will Receive Attention.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, Oct. 7 .- John McCullagh, state superintendent of elections for the Metropolitan district, today sent out several letters to the authorities of this city touching on the coming elections. In a letter to Chief of Police Devery, McCullagh calls that official's attention to the fact that the days of registration will fall on Oct. 12 and 13 and Oct. 19 and 20, and says:

"The past experiences of this department demonstrates very clearly that the sources of the debauchment of franchise in the city of New York are found in pool rooms, gambling houses, disorderly houses, houses of prostitution, saloons run under the guise of hotels in order to evade the provisions of the excise law and the dives of even baser sort."

Mr. McCullagh then at some length details the successful prosecution of illegal voters and their sponsors after the elections of November, 1899, and calls attention to the fact that the evidence in these cases showed that they were engineered by persons having official connection with the city government and that illegal votes were drawn from the houses quoted in the abstract of the letters given above. He then says that he has lately caused the investigation to be made of such resorts possession sworn affidavits establishng violations of almost every provision of law and ordinances relating to such ces, a majority of which are located street, and from which are recruited the gangs of floaters and repeaters similar resorts in the old and new "Tenderloin" and other parts of the city. From the evidence that has come into my possession I am convinced that an organized attempt is being made to colonize illegal voters for the next general election in and from these

Mr. McCullagh then submits the addresses of over two hundred saloons or other resorts alleged to be on the character mentioned and says that if prompt action is not taken by Chief Devery in suppressing these resorts he will invoke the aid of the state authorities, who are specifically empowered by law to proceed in these matters. He also calls the attention of the chief to the law which directs the police officials to cause an investigation of each name registered and the penalty for the neglect of each duty. His letter closes with a demand that the chief and the members of his command shall give to the superintendent of elections all the aid in his power in

this direction. This communication to the chief is followed by another to each police captain in the territory named, which practically cover the same ground, and also a similar letter to Mayor Van

Wyck. HERO DROWNED IN OHIO RIVER

George Fuller Had Saved Twenty-Three Lives at Louisville Falls.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Jeffersonville, Ind., Oct. 7 .- George Fuller, aged 40 years, who saved twenty-three persons from being dashed to death on the falls of the Ohlo, was drowned this afternoon. He was employed by the government on the work of widening the channel and fell from a boat, striking his head on a rock, rending him unconscious.

Fuller lived on the embankment overlooking the falls, and the night was never too dark or stormy for him to respond to a cry for help. With his brother, Hiram Fuller, he had assisted in saving over one hundred lives.

RAILROADERS MEET.

An Important Mass Meeting at Toledo-Twelve Hundred Attend.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Toledo, O., Oct. 7.-The biggest mass neeting of men probably identified with the five great railroad organizations and lady officials of auxiliary organizations convened here today. M. Arthur, F. P. Sargent, E. E. Clark and many others made addresses this afternoon and evening.

An executive session was held late onight. Several objects are in view. One is to prepare for concerted action on important events; another is to establish a general pension fund for superannuated employes, and the coal norrow. Political discussions are not permitted. About twelve or fourteen nundred are here from all over the

HOPEFUL **OUTLOOK**

Convention Is at Hand and All Parties Want a Scttlement.

ASSURANCE WAS GIVEN

Reliable Information Has It That the Operators Were Given to Understand That the Ten Per Cent. Offer Would Be Accepted Before the Offer Was Made-Ex-President Ratchford of the Mine Workers Union the Likely Go-Between. Danger of Politicians Interfering to Prevent an Immediate Settlement-The Call for the Convention Was Being Held Back Till the Offer Became a General One.

At a strikers' mass meeting in Shenandoah Saturday, President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, announced that a call for a convention to consider the ten per cent. offer, would be issued in a fewndays. He

"I wish to announce that in a few days a convention will be called. Every mine will be requested to send delegates. If you believe a net advance of ten per cent. in your wages is enough, then your votes will decide the question. If you prefer that the strike should go on, Mitchell will be with you. In this strike, we must all win together or go down together."

As yet no notice of the convention has been received by the local officers of the Mine Workers union, but it is expected today. The probabilities are that the convention will be held in this city and that it will take place Thursday. President Mitchell said recently in Wilkes-Barre that if a convention in the city of New York and has in his was held, it would likely be held in Scranton. Hazleton had the prelimfnary conventions, Wilkes-Barre had big demonstration and Scranton should on the East Side, below Fourteenth have the next big event, he argued. There will be between 300 and 400 delewho work in connection with the gates in attendance, and it is poselhabitues, employes and hangers-on of | ble they will be in session two or three

days. The Cause of It. The action of the individual operators in agreeing to join in the ten per cent. offer is judged to be responsible for the convention call. It may be and it may not be. Very likely it was responsible in that it furnished

an excuse for making the call. The convention, it is now learned on the most reliable authority, was a surety from the very ouset. The operators and President Mitchell had an understanding, and the gist of their understanding was that if the ten per cent. offer was forthcoming, the United Mine Workers would call off the strike. The operators took it for granted that President Mitchell could

deliver the goods. But, it will be said, President Mitchell declares positively that he has had no communication with the operators regarding strike settlement, and the mine operators could not have had any dealings with him, unless they broke their pledge to not recognize the United Mine workers' organization. Just at present, it is sufficient to say that Senator Mark Hanna brought about the ten per cent. offer and that ex-President Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers, now a member of the industrial commission of Ohio, to which he was appointed by Senator Hanna, was active in the

negotiations for strike settlement. Watched with Interest. It is results, however, that the com-

munity is at present mostly concerned in, and every step towards a speedy settlement of the strike will be watched with intense interest. Likewise will the people watch and mark any move tending to hinder the settlement of the strike. Especially will the public eye be upon the politicians who think to make capital out of the strike and who might not hesitate to prolong it unnecessarily to serve their own selfish ends. Candidates for office who are relying on their close affiliation with the United Mine Workers as their chief stock in trade will be subjecting themselves to suspicion by any action on their part that would put a straw in the way of a peaceful and speedy culmination of the conflict, no matter how sincerely they may believe they are acting for the miners' good.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Oct. 7.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsyl-vania—Rain and cooler Monday; Tues-day, fair; brisk northwesterly winds.